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July 29, 1962 - Sunday

Most of us went off this morning, E being an exception since she is probably in the first stages of whooping cough contracted from Sasha and Terry, across country, about 35 miles, to Boughton, the Buccleuch place. It contains some of the finest art objects in the world, amongst them 41 small Van Dycks. It is a colossal 17th Century edifice, with many additions, though portions of the interior were never completed. The array of furniture, paintings, miniatures, rugs, books, silver, silver-gilt, lacquer, panelling, chandeliers is such as to merit days of study. I should myself prefer, certainly from a decorative standpoint, ownership of its contents to that of the Wallace Collection.

Mollie and Walter Buccleuch are excellent guides, so we spent a genial, enthralling morning there.

Back for lunch at Easton Neston. In the afternoon, E, John Fowler, Marguerite Lambkin and I returned to town together.

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July 30, 1962 - Monday

I was visited this morning by Mr. Leon Cazin, the head of the Tampa, Florida, Latin American Fiesta Association, who introduced to me the current Beauty Queen, Roseann Marie Favata, and five members of her court. The girls were all of Latin American descent. With one exception, they were brunettes. We were photographed together, to say nothing of my being presented with what looks to be an excellent box of Tampa cigars.

E has apparently at last caught whooping cough. Sasha arrived here from America with a dose of it, transmitted it to Terry Graham, from whom it has now been passed on to E. No doubt Nicky will come next.

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I lunched without E at the Sutherlands' Thatched House Lodge, Richmond Park.